

# What is the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation?

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation has been incorporated by the State of Texas and granted an official charge to make monetary re-investments into the Arlington community.

Formed by the Arlington City Council in 2007, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation oversees an endowment fund created from natural gas revenues realized on city-owned property.

Ninety percent of gas well lease bonus earnings and 50 percent of royalties earned from the wells go into a permanent endowment fund. The interest earnings from the fund are distributed by the Foundation through community grants.

Because only interest is being spent by the Foundation, the endowment will benefit the community for years to come.



The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is governed by a board of directors. From left to right: President Ron Wright, Sheri Capehart, Vice President Joe Way, Secretary Kristin Vandergriff, Treasurer Mel LeBlanc, Ex-Officio Member Jim Holgersson (not pictured).

# Foundation Makes Half-Million Dollar Investment in Arlington Neighborhoods



Grant money from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation is helping to reinvigorate neighborhoods.

With a half-million dollar investment in neighborhoods this month, Arlington communities are becoming stronger and safer.

"We would have had a hard time doing any of this without the grant."

Oak Hill resident Patti Lockwood

## Neighborhood Investments

New sidewalks along South Davis Drive will soon connect historic Oak Hill neighborhood with the UT-Arlington campus.

The neighborhood is multi-generational, comprised of about 700 young families and retirees. With money from city gas lease revenue, the neighborhood will get attractive signage, new lighting and landscaping.

The goal is to preserve the intimacy of the neighborhood, Lockwood said.

"Being so close to UTA and downtown Arlington, our neighborhood is like a tiny little town in a big city. People don't know we're here," she said.

In partnership with the city's Community Development and Planning Department, the Oak Hill Neighborhood Association submitted a joint grant proposal and was awarded \$50,000 during a special check presentation on May 15.

In neighborhoods throughout the city, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation continues to make monetary investments in the city's future.



The Oak Hill Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Arlington Community Development and Planning Department, will spend its \$50,000 grant to reinvigorate its neighborhood with new sidewalks, landscaping and lighting.

In May, the Foundation awarded grants totaling \$569,900 to 11 community nonprofit organizations.



A \$50,000 grant went to the Arlington Life Shelter for the Reaching Out Program to help address the needs of chronically homeless individuals in Arlington.



The Green Arlington Foundation will use their \$58,000 grant to plan and host an energy-efficiency home repair education fair for homeowners.



With a \$50,000 grant, the Boys and Girls Club will complete Phase I and Phase II expansion.



A \$10,000 grant went to the Arlington Professional Fire Fighters Association Charitable Fund for the development of a program that will help to save lives. The Vial of Life program will make medical information readily available to first responders.



A \$25,000 grant to Family Pathfinders will expand mentoring and family self-sufficiency programs.



A \$50,000 grant to Lamar Baptist Church will help to construct the Family Life Park, pavilion and neighborhood activity playground.



The Animal Services Division will use its \$50,000 grant to fund the First Strike Program to address animal abuse and its relationship to violent crime.



A \$15,000 grant to the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department will be used to operate the Naturally Fun on Wheels "No Child Left Inside" recreational program.



The Arlington Police Department's Weed and Seed Project with the Hutcheson Jr. High After-School Soccer Program was awarded \$1,000.



A \$50,000 grant to the Arlington Public Library will expand literacy programs.

## What's next?

The next round of grants will make monetary investments in programs that promote culture, leisure and learning. Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Board members will rank grant proposals on factors such as the number of people served by the organization, how well the program meets community needs, financial stability, project creativity and innovation.



Nonprofit organizations who are exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS are applying for grants from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. Organizations without tax exempt status are partnering with 501(c)(3) organizations and jointly submitting applications for funding.

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